GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Power Theft
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is aware of the persistent menace of illegal electricity connections and other instances of power theft across the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the Amount of Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses incurred due to illegal connections and other cases of power theft during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up specialized anti-power theft policy stations as established by the State Government of Punjab to tackle the issue of power theft, if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) : As reported by the States, cases related to power theft during the periods 2010-11,2011-12, 2012-13,2013-14 & 2014-15 are given at Annex-I.

(b) : The Aggregate Technical & Commercial (AT&C) losses of State Power Distribution Utilities, inter-alia, includes the losses due to illegal connections and other cases of power theft. The State/UT-wise and utility wise details of AT&C losses during 2012-13 to 2014-15 are given at Annex Ⅱ.

(c) : States may establish Police Station to deal with cases of electricity theft. According to Section 151A of the Electricity Act, 2003, for the purpose of investigation of an offence punishable under the Act, Police officer shall have all the powers as provided in Chapter XII of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1973.

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